

HOUSE RESOLUTION 17
By Roach

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Craig Kisabeth and the 1996 Jefferson County High School football team on finishing as Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class 5-A runner-up.

WHEREAS, despite facing strong competition, the memorable 1996 Jefferson County High School football team has recorded a great season, finishing as the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class 5-A runner-up and serving as an inspiration to their many fans, citizens of the community, and to everyone who appreciates excellence in athletic contests; and

WHEREAS, this fine group of dedicated young men faced Knoxville Bearden in the first round of the playoffs and won 7-0; and

WHEREAS, in the second round of the playoffs, Jefferson County faced Middle Tennessee powerhouse Murfreesboro Riverdale and came away with a thrilling 44-41 upset victory; and

WHEREAS, the Patriots returned home to face Soddy-Daisy in quarterfinal action and won handily 48-24; and

WHEREAS, the team then faced archrival and traditional power Oak Ridge and beat them 28-7 to reach the Clinic Bowl finals; and

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WHEREAS, the team faced powerhouse Brentwood Academy in the finals and put up a good fight, representing their school and fans well; and

WHEREAS, the Patriots had an excellent overall record of 10-5; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson County has been expertly coached by head coach Craig Kisabeth,
and his capable assistant coaches John Brimer, Robert Seals, Jim Smith, Rusty James, Mose Reliford, and Ryan Collins; and

WHEREAS, the members of this very talented team were: Charlie Gilbert, Steve Brooks, Daniel Randolph, John May, Brian Cate, Courtney Gillis, Josh Moffat, Morgan Blackburn, Shawn Roach, Luke Holland, Jason Kelly, Corey Moles, Casey Jones, Gregg Bown, Milton Woods, Charlie Bryant, Ty Claiborne, Jay Bell, Joe Cauthen, Brian Miller, Mark McGaw, Ricky Upton, Todd Cox, James Clevenger, Justin Anderson, Justin Schrader , Bob Hodgson, Anthony Taylor, Jason Wiget, Preston Leeper, Josh Williams, Michael Raper, Kevin Fugi, Joey Fairbank, Hester Kristopher, Jake Bacon, Chad Hutsell, Justin Moore, Dustin Lewis, Chad Cox, Jason Guinn, and Stephen Kerr; and

WHEREAS, this exceptional team is deserving of the unique recognition that this body accords to a select number of athletic teams; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor and congratulate Coach Craig Kisabeth and the 1996 Jefferson County High School football team on reaching the finals of the TSSAA state playoffs and wish them well in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate number of copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school, coaches, the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce, the *Standard-Banner* of Jefferson County, the Morristown Citizen and others, with

this final clause omitted from such copies.